Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, This nation was founded on principles of religious freedom and our founding fathers sought God, his blessings and guidance as they established the United States of America as a free and independent nation; and,

Whereas, The Christian heritage of our nation is recognized in the writings and accomplishments of such renowned individuals as Christopher Columbus, William Bradford, George Washington, John and Abigail Adams, James Madison, Patrick Henry, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson, Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and countless others, and in the constitutions of the several sovereign states and innumerable public documents; and,

Whereas, Christian Heritage provides our citizens with an opportunity to acknowledge blessings, to contemplate and offer solutions to the numerous challenges society faces, and to be rededicated to our nation's spiritual ancestry; and,

Whereas, The influence of Christianity upon American communities is evident by the presence of many churches, Christian charities, ministries, missions, schools, and holiday seasons:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 5 – 11, 2017, as the 23rd Annual

CHRISTIAN HERITAGE WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State